Scrapping of BRTS in Delhi

2317. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS), being implemented in Delhi;

(b) the quantum of funds sanctioned for this project and how much is being borne by the Union Government;

(c) whether in view of the massive dislocation caused on the corridor where BRTS work is in progress and considering the massive public outcry, there is any plan to hold back its implementation on other proposed routes; and

(d) whether Government would consider scraping the project altogether in view of the traffic chaos and environmental damage caused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that an expenditure of Rs. 215.19 crore has been sanctioned by the State Government for the Ambedkar Nagar to Delhi Gate Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor. No funds are being borne by the Union Government.

(c) GNCTD has reported that on the BRT conrridor from Ambedkar Nagar to Delhi Gate, the design has been so made that there is minimal dislocation. There is no plan by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to hold back implementation of BRT construction on other proposed routes.

(d) The GNCTD have reported that their is no such proposal.

Condition of DDA flats in Rohini

2318. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of dangerous condition of many DDA flats of Unit Apartment, Pocket-23, Sector-24, Rohini;

(b) whether such condition is attributed to poor construction leading to structural and other defects;

(c) whether any inquiry has been initiated/proposed in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has taken/proposes immediate repair/restoration/maintenance work to prevent any mishap and loss of life of occupants;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether any deadline has been set up for completion of such work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPER (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that on the basis of preliminary investigation, explanations of two executive Engineers, three Assistant Engineers and two Junior Engineers have been called for.

(e) to (g) DDA has further informed that for immediate replacement/retrofitting of dangerous RCC members, a consultant has been appointed. Based on the report of the consultant, tenders initially invited on 30.7.2007 were rejected by the Works Advisory Board. Tenders have now been re-invited.

Filling of vacancies of EEs in CPWD

2319. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 150 vacancies in the grade of Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical) are lying vacant in CPWD since long time;

(b) if so, the reasons for not filling the above-said vacancies; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to fill the above-said vacancies immediately in view of Commonwealth Games 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. These vancancies remained vacant on account of pending litigation in the Delhi High Court. Now that the Hon'ble High Court vide its interim order dated 27.9.2007 has allowed to fill up these vacancies on ad-hoc basis, the Department have decided to fill up these posts.

Problems faced by residents of Janakpuri

2320. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently received representations from some Members of Parliament regarding the problems faced by the residents of B-2B Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The representation received through some Members of Parliament was initially forwarded to Delhi Development Authroity (DDA) for necessary action. However, it was informed that the area in question has been transferred to Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in 1981. Therefore, a copy of the representation has been referred to MCD for taking necessary action.

Conversion of flats to free hold by DDA

2321. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have recently decided to convert the lease hold flats of all types of DDA flats into free hold after depositing conversion charges which were purchased on General Power of Attorney irrespective of any cut-off date and even purchased on hire-purchase basis;